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Yoshiaki TOMOTAKE et al. : Docket No. 2000_1428A
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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated July 2, 2002, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5 to 8 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following claims in their place.

9. (NEW) An ink jet recording paper having a high ink coloring density and a high ink absorption speed, said paper comprising from 10 to 100% by weight of mercerized pulp based on an entire fiber material, having a liquid transfer length in Bristow's method according to J. Tappi No. 51-87 of 100mm or less, when distilled water has been set at 50 μ L in a head box of 1mm slit width and 15mm slit length and the moving speed of a test specimen has been set to 5.0mm/sec.

10. (NEW) The ink jet recording paper according to claim 9 wherein said paper has a coating applied to such an extent as not to exceed the liquid transfer length in Bristow's method of 100mm.

11. (NEW) The ink jet recording paper according to claim 9 wherein said paper has no coating applied for improving an ink absorption.

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